(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to deal with the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The demands contained in the memorandum of the National Confederation of SC and ST Employee's Organisations, New Delhi, have been referred to the concerned Ministries/Departments for necessary action under intimation to this Ministry. Action taken reports are awaited.

Progress of schemes relating to the development of Women and Child in Kutch & Saurashtra Region

5218. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that schemes relating to the development of Women & Child have not progressed, as targetted district-wise in rural areas of Kutch and Saurashtra region during 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94 so far in district-wise;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) The Scheme for Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is being implemented in 19 districts of Gujarat including Kutch District and Saurashtra region. Only State-wise progress of DWCRA is monitored. Allocation of funds, physical targets etc. under DWCRA in respect of Gujarat during the last three years is given in the statement attached (See below). In addition, the implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) in Gujarat has also progressed as per the target.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No survey has been conducted in respect of DWCRA scheme. However, several studies including a national evaluation on ICDS conducted by National Institute of Public Corporation & Child Development has revealed a positive impact of ICDS scheme on the health and nutrition of children and pregnant & nursing mothers.

Allocation of funds, physical targets etc under DWCKA in respect of Gujarat

Year	Allocation of groups	Groups formed	Allocation of funds	Amount released
				(Rs. in lakhs)
1991-92	500	552	50.50	45.85
1992-93	390	427	39.39	43.43
1993-94 (upto Feb. 94)	825	476	88.43	75.75

भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध

5219. **श्री अजीत जोगी** : क्या कल्याण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार महानगरों तथा पर्यटन स्थलों पर भीख मांगने पर प्रतिबंध लगाने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरे क्या है;

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण है; और

(घ) भिखारियों के पुनर्वास के लिए क्या कदम उठाए है/उठाए जाने का विचार है ?

कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री के. वी. तंगकाबालू) : (क) जी नहीं। फिलहाल संघ सरकार के पास ऐसा कोई प्रस्ताव नहीं है।

(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

(ग) और (घ) भिक्षावृत्ति विरोधी कानूनों के कार्यान्वयन का दायित्व राज्य सरकार एवं संघ राज्य क्षेत्र प्रशासनों का है जहां कहीं भिक्षावृत्ति विरोधी कानून बनाए गए हैं वहां राज्य सरकारों/संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों ने भिक्षुकों को शिक्षा, व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण और पुनर्वास उपलब्ध कराने के उद्देश्य से भिक्षुक गृहों की स्थापना की है । भिक्षावृत्ति निवारण हेतु एक नई केन्द्रीय क्षेत्र योजना बनाई गई है तथा इसे आठवीं पंचवर्षीय योजनावधि के दौरान लागू किया गया है । यह योजना 1992-93 में चल रही है । इस योजना के प्रावधानों के तहत भिक्षकों को तकनीकी शिक्षा और व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण प्रदान करने हेतु विद्यमान भिक्षक गृहों में कार्य केन्द्रों की स्थापना करने के लिए राज्य सरकारों, संघ राज्य क्षेत्रों और स्वैच्छिक संगठनों को सहायतानुदान प्रदान की जाती है ।

Adoption of children

5220. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news-item which appeared in the 'Hindustan Times' dated 13-3-1994 captioned "Inter-country adoption a combersome process" in India, if so, what is Governments reaction towards national and international adoptions of children;

(b) what were the figures of Indian as well as inter-country rate of adoptions of children during 1991, 1992 and upto end of December, 1993 and hurdles on adoption being faced by the Voluntary Organisations in India and abroad indicating the practice/procedure in vogue at present in the country in this regard·

(c) whether India participated and hosted any International Workshop in Adoption recently if so, the details of discussion held/outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government have decided to issue revised uniform guidelines on adoption of children if so, when the proposed Notification/legislation is likely to be brought before Parliament; and

(e) whether Indian voluntary organisations and Members of Task Force were consulted on the subject, if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes, Sir. The Supreme Court of India in its judgement in Writ Petition (CRL) No. 1171/1982 in the matter of Shri Laxmi Kant Pandey Vs. Union of India and others, has laid down the procedure which regulates the adoption of Indian children within as well as outside the country.

(b) The figures of children given in country and inter-country adoption during the year 1991, 1992 and 1993 are given below :—

Year	In country Adoption	Inter-country Adoption
1991	936	1190
1992	1239	1007
1993	1383	1134

No specific instance of hurdles being faced by voluntary organisations has been brought to the notice of the Government.

On the basis of directions of the Supreme Court, the Ministry of Welfare formulated a set of guidelines during the year 1989 for regulation of adoption programmes. The guidelines are still in force.

(c) No International Workshop on Adoption was officially hosted by India recently. However, one of the voluntary organisations viz. children of the World. New Delhi in collaboration with Children of the World, Norway held a Workshop